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The Mother and Newborn Connection

Infants born to mothers who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries (those who have full scope Medi-Cal as well as restricted scope Medi-Cal) at the time of delivery, will have full scope Medi-Cal eligibility during the month of birth and the month following.

If at the time of referral to CCS, the newborn has not yet been added to the mother's Medi-Cal case by the county Social Services Agency, the infant's CMS Net record should be established as a CCS/Medi-Cal case. The child should be assigned a 9N CCS aid code.

Once the child is established in CMS Net with a 9N aid code, SAR's should be issued for any and all medically necessary services provided during the month of birth and the month following. It is important to insert the special instruction that cautions the provider that coverage is only available if Medi-Cal coverage is present, this is Special Instruction # 8 (infant covered under mother's Medi-Cal only).

The Medi-Cal Provider Manual provides instructions to providers on billing for these services using the mother's CIN. Claims submitted by the provider with the mother's CIN and the SAR issued for the child will process in the EDS system and pay as full scope Medi-Cal. If the family fails to follow up with the Social Services Agency, any claims submitted for the third and subsequent months will deny as the 9N aid code will only pay if there is ongoing Medi-Cal eligibility for the child. Authorizations for newborns must not be issued in the legacy system simply because the child does not have Medi-Cal in his/her own right.

Subsequent to establishing eligibility in CMS Net and at some point during the infant's first two months of life, the Social Services Agency should be adding the child to the mother's case and assigning the infant his/her own unique Medi-Cal

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identification number. If the caseworker does not accurately conduct a Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) file clearance, the caseworker will be unaware that the infant already has a MEDS CIN that was assigned at the time the CCS case was opened and as a result will assign a second CIN. If you become aware of this new CIN you must initiate an action in CMS Net by performing a SCI inquiry. This will generate a report in Sacramento which will allow the two CIN's in MEDS to be combined.